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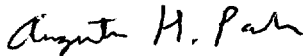
Dear Commissioner Henney,

According to Michael F. Jacobson of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, we are in grave danger because antibiotics are being routinely fed to livestock. Dr. Jacobson is a recognized authority and has a Ph.D. in biochemistry. Because of this practice, even the most effective antibiotic, vancomycin, is becoming useless because bacteria are becoming resistant to it.

The practice of feeding antibiotics to livestock should be banned immediately, as has been done in Europe. I think it is an outrage that public health is being endangered because you have not taken appropriate action. Please act before it is too late. Why wait until people start dying in large numbers?

The U. S. should support the European Union in banning the routine use of antibiotics for livestock, rather than object to it. The health of the nation is more important than the financial interests of drug companies and large farms.

Sincerely,



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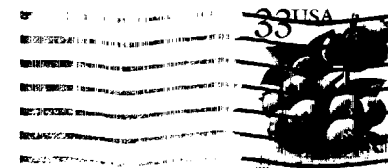
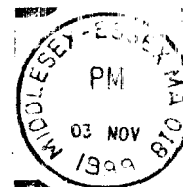
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